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RANGIE ALANGCAS SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

HONOLULU – Rangie Alangcas was sentenced yesterday to ten years imprisonment for two counts of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the 1st degree. Alangcas was arrested in 2009 through a joint law enforcement effort that included the Department of the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS). The arrest was the result of ongoing Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF) investigation efforts to intercept Internet solicitations of children for sexual activity.

Alangcas used Internet chatrooms to ask two separate HPD detectives, whom he thought were 14 year old girls, to meet him at McDonalds in Pearl Kai, where he would pick them up and take them elsewhere to have sex. During the Internet chats as a means of "grooming" the HPD detectives who were posing as girls, Alangcas directed them to pornographic web sites and had them watch videos of adults performing sexual acts on each other. He then asked the undercover detectives if they would perform those acts with him. He was arrested by police detectives shortly after he arrived at the designated meeting place.

First Deputy Attorney General Russell Suzuki said, "We have a duty to protect the children of our state from these Internet predators. Our Department has and will continue to work in tandem with other law enforcement agencies to find these criminals and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

Alangcas was initially arrested in 2009. He then filed motions in the circuit court, which were denied and he appealed the denial of those motions and both the Intermediate Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Hawaii affirmed the denial of his motions.

The Attorney General asks parents and young people to be mindful of the potential for abuse of the Internet. Anyone having information concerning possible Internet crimes against children should call investigators at (808) 586-1240.

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